

Grumbling About CIA Intensified

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Fund Secrecy Resented in Congress;

McCarthy Wants Year's Inquiry

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well as their loyalty overwas serv-

ice, and on the care with which

huge, unvouchered sums are

spent.

In the past year, the House forces favoring the watchdog unit have increased as liberal Democratic Young Turks have offered companion bills. They would go further than tougher surveillance, however. Rep. William Fitts Ryan, New York, would strip CIA of all operations and limit its role to research and analysis.

Sen. Saltonstall made clear in an interview that he will stand in this, his final year in public life, against any change in CIA's status. He was chief sponsor of legislation in the Republican-controlled 80th Congress setting up CIA as a descendant of the Wartime Office of Strategic Services.

Saltonstall says a great power must have such secret intelligence services, including covert operations, because of conditions in the world today. He cites British intelligence, which goes back to the Wars of the Roses in the 15th Century. Funds used by this organization, oldest of its kind in the world, are known to very few government leaders. The name of the director of British intelligence is never made public.

Sen. Saltonstall says "our friends and allies would be antagonized and the lives of brave men would be jeopardized, if CIA had to come out in the open. We would lose the benefits of the exchange of information we now have with Allied states."

"Every meeting I have attended has brought forth frank answers to every question raised," Saltonstall said.

McCARTHY WANTS SENATE REVIEW

Sen. McCarthy, D-Minn., Foreign Relations Committee

member, is sponsor of a bill setting up a select Senate investigative unit to make the first review of CIA and report at the end of next January with conclusions and recommendations for overhaul.

McCarthy says CIA is the only federal agency that has not undergone such a congressional "review" since it was established during the Truman administration. The only investigation that resulted in overhaul was that ordered by President Kennedy following the Bay of Pigs fiasco.

Sen. McCarthy says Congress must check out the validity of rumors about CIA involvement in activities far beyond the original scope of the Agency. President Truman revealed in 1963 that he erred in approving legislation setting up the agency because he never intended to create a "cloak-and-dagger" service.

The secret of how money is funneled into CIA from other agencies is expected to be kept this year. But growing criticism of CIA promises to result in greater disclosure of how it spends money and under what controls.

PRIVATE PIPELINES

Critics of the supposedly super-secret agency see reminders almost daily of its activities. Some have private pipelines into CIA to employes who favor bills pending in Congress.

Newsmen also seem to have such pipelines. Columnists keep reporting unfavorably on the effectiveness of CIA's director, Vice Adm. William F. (Red) Raborn, USN., Ret. He is blamed for an alleged decline in morale. Research and analysis experts are said to desire the curtailment of cloak and dagger operations.

It is almost a daily occurrence for the press to have letters to the editors with pro and con attitudes about CIA, or statements from unfriendly chiefs of state around the world, blaming CIA for fomenting revolutions. A nutritional scientist who was discovered drowned under mysterious circumstances in a canal in Holland several weeks ago was identified as a Washington resident with CIA connections.

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